

52. (New) An electronic device comprising a display, a computer, and a connecting means for connecting said display and said computer, wherein said connecting means comprises an optical connecting device according to claim 44.

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 28-52 are pending in this application. Claims 28 and 42-44 are the independent claims.

Claims 1-27 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 28-46 are newly-presented. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-7, 9-13, and 16-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,774,614 (Gilliland, et al.). Claims 8, 14, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gilliland, et al. By this Amendment, Claims 1-27 have been cancelled. Thus, these rejections are deemed moot.

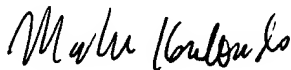
Applicant respectfully submits that newly-presented Claims 28-52 patentably define the present invention over the cited art. As recited in newly-presented independent Claims 28 and 42-44, the present invention includes, inter alia, an electric connecting portion . . . wherein said electric connecting portion is detachable. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art fails to teach or suggest at least this feature. Indeed, Applicant directs attention to Figure 2 of Gilliland, et al. wherein conductive traces 38 are shown to be fixedly mounted to a substrate.

For the above reasons, Applicants submit that newly-presented independent Claims 28 and 42-44 are allowable over the cited art. The dependent claims depend from one or another of the independent claims and are believed allowable for the same reasons. Moreover, each of these dependent claims recites additional features in combination with the features of their respective independent claims and is believed allowable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims respectfully is requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submits that the present application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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